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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING A PEPTIDE  
THAT BINDS A GEOMETRICAL SHAPE

Examiner: T. Wessendorf

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated April 11, 2006, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7, 10-12, 15-19, and 32-36 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the specification does not provide support for "a first solid surface", "wherein the peptide of step (d) discriminates between the surfactant monolayer and the first geometric shape", and "the first and second surface."

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